

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed in response to the final Office Action of August 6, 2007. For the following reasons, this application should be considered in condition for allowance and the case passed to issue.

The allowance of claims 1-9 is gratefully acknowledged. Claims 10 and 11 were rejected, and claims 12-16 objected to as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 12, indicated as allowable. Hence, independent claim 10 should now be allowed as well as claim 11 which further defines and limits amended claim 10. Claim 12 has been cancelled due to its incorporation into claim 10.


Similarly, claim 15 has been rewritten into independent form to include all of the limitations of claim 10. Claim 15 should also now be allowed, as well as claim 16 which further depends from and limits claim 15.

Only allowed claims, or claims indicated as allowable, remain in the application. Accordingly, this application should be considered in condition for allowance and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 502624 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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